

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on June 25, 2013 at the Wethersfield Town Hall, Town Manager's Conference Room – First Floor, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Members Present: Robert Garrey, Chairperson
Michael Rell, Vice Chairperson
John Maycock, Clerk
Cynthia Greenblatt
Paul Courchaine, Alternate
Douglas Ovian, Alternate

Members Absent: Mark Raymond
Lisa Wurzer, Alternate

Also Present: Kristin Stearley, Historic District Coordinator
Linda Messina, Recording Secretary

Commissioner Garrey called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, and read the opening comments. Commissioner Maycock, Clerk, read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Rare Reminder* on June 13, 2013.

APPLICATION NO. 4166-13. Giuseppe Buonannata seeks to construct a 48" picket fence to enclose the rear yard at 15 Middletown Avenue.

Giuseppe and Erica Buonannata, 15 Middletown Avenue, appeared before the Commission. A sample of the solar rail cap was submitted. They would like to enclose the entire rear yard. The good side of the fence will face out. There will be three 4' gates, one by the stairs to the deck, one for access to the grass, and one in the rear of the property. The gates will have inside latches.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 4167-13. Bruce Perrone seeks to construct a 14'8" x 22'3" second story dormer on the rear of the property at 450 Hartford Avenue.

Bruce Perrone, 450 Hartford Avenue, appeared before the Commission. Drawings were submitted. He would like to construct a dormer on the east side of the house. The shingles, roof, and trim will match existing. He will use Marvin Integrity windows for the two windows. The windows will have a 6/6 light pattern.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 4168-13. Olde Liberty Insurance LLC seeks to install a 24"x18" sign on an existing pole at the street and a 30"x16" sign on the building at 141 Main Street.

Andrew Dormer, 137 Main Street, appeared before the Commission. There is an existing sign post. Drawings of the sign were submitted. The applicant prefers for the sign to be made of wood. The wood will be carved. The signs will be painted in colors the same as submitted in the drawing. The 24"x18" sign will be on the post and the 30"x16" (amended by the applicant at the meeting and will be 24"x18") sign will be above the left door.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 4169-13. Christine Zigmund seeks to construct a 10'x16' storage shed at 188 Middletown Avenue.

Christine Zigmund, 188 Middletown Avenue, appeared before the Commission. The property is in the flood zone so the shed can't be placed in the rear half of the property. The shed is 10'x16' with T111 and it is by Kloter Farms. It is the Garden Special model. It will be dark grey with white trim. The roofing will be light grey to match the house. You will see the side of the shed from the street. The shed will be located approximately halfway up the yard. A plot plan was submitted. The shed will be placed on crushed stone. There will be a wooden ramp.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 4170-13. Michael Clarke seeks to construct an approximately 240' section of 6' wood stockade fence on a portion of the rear yard at 330 Main Street.

Michael and Kathy Clarke, 330 Main Street, appeared before the Commission. A plot plan was submitted. They would like to install the fence along 33 and 43 Hart Street. There is an existing fence. They will match the existing fence. Photos were submitted. It is a standard stockade fence. The good side will face out. There will be no gates or decorative elements. The fence will be unpainted wood.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application.

Lynn Pilczak, 33 Hart Street, asked questions about the application.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone else wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 4171-13. Judith Keane seeks to construct a wood handrail on the southerly porch at 126 Broad Street.

Judith Keane, 126 Broad Street, appeared before the Commission. She would like to construct a wood handrail on the southerly porch for safety and privacy. Photos were submitted. The rail cap would be curved and the spindles would be straight. It would be made of wood. There will be no stair rail, just between the columns. There will be three spans between the columns.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 4172-13. Robert Heckler seeks to amend Certificate of Appropriateness number 4074-12 to change the number of windows to be replaced at 7 Avalon Place.

Robert Heckler, 7 Avalon Place, appeared before the Commission. On the original application, he was replacing the upstairs second floor front windows. He would also like to replace the two windows on the east and west elevations.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 4162-13. Northeastern Chimney LLC seeks to install two (2) metal 10"x10" chimney caps at 21-23 Hartford Avenue. (Tabled at the June 11, 2013 meeting. The last date to act is July 9, 2013.)

Fran Dupuis, 23 Hartford Avenue, appeared before the Commission. They have installed a stainless steel chimney cap on top of the chimney liner. It is a 15"x15" square cap and has screening on top. It covers both flues.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

Upon motion by Commissioner Rell seconded by Commissioner Maycock, and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to close the public hearing and to open the public meeting.

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Maycock, Greenblatt, Courchaine

APPLICATION NO. 4166-13. Giuseppe Buonannata seeks to construct a 48" picket fence to enclose the rear yard at 15 Middletown Avenue.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock seconded by Commissioner Greenblatt and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application with the following stipulation:

1. The good side of the fence shall face out towards the neighbors.

Discussion

Commissioner Maycock stated that this is a standard picket fence.

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Maycock, Greenblatt, Courchaine

APPLICATION NO. 4167-13. Bruce Perrone seeks to construct a 14'8" x 22'3" second story dormer on the rear of the property at 450 Hartford Avenue.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock seconded by Commissioner Rell and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application with the following stipulation:

1. The light pattern on the windows shall be 6/6 to match the existing windows on the house.

Discussion

Commissioner Maycock stated that this is a very nice application and very well spelled out.

Commissioner Garrey stated that this is a very appropriate dormer for the house.

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Maycock, Greenblatt, Courchaine

APPLICATION NO. 4168-13. Olde Liberty Insurance LLC seeks to install a 24"x18" sign on an existing pole at the street and a 30"x16" sign on the building at 141 Main Street.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock seconded by Commissioner Courchaine and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner Maycock stated that the application states that he wants a wood engraved sign.

Commissioner Garrey stated that it's the perfect sign for that building if it's a wood engraved sign so he's happy that it's the applicant's preference.

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Maycock, Greenblatt, Courchaine

APPLICATION NO. 4169-13. Christine Zigmund seeks to construct a 10'x16' storage shed at 188 Middletown Avenue.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock seconded by Commissioner Courchaine and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner Maycock stated that everything was very well spelled out.

Commissioner Ovian stated that the T111 will add some visual interest to the side that you see from the road since there isn't a window there.

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Maycock, Greenblatt, Courchaine

APPLICATION NO. 4170-13. Michael Clarke seeks to construct an approximately 240' section of 6' wood stockade fence on a portion of the rear yard at 330 Main Street.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock seconded by Commissioner Rell and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application with the following stipulation:

1. The fence shall be constructed of wood stockade to match the existing fencing and the good side shall face out towards the neighbors.

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that this is a standard stockade fence.

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Maycock, Greenblatt, Courchaine

APPLICATION NO. 4171-13. Judith Keane seeks to construct a wood handrail on the southerly porch at 126 Broad Street.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock seconded by Commissioner Courchaine and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application with the following stipulation:

1. The handrail shall span three (3) sections of the porch and shall have a standard rounded handrail with square balusters.

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that this is a beautiful house and porch. It is a nice addition.

Commissioner Greenblatt stated that this will enhance it as well.

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Maycock, Greenblatt, Courchaine

APPLICATION NO. 4172-13. Robert Heckler seeks to amend Certificate of Appropriateness number 4074-12 to change the number of windows to be replaced at 7 Avalon Place.

Upon motion by Commissioner Courchaine seconded by Commissioner Greenblatt and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that we had a lot of discussion with this homeowner on windows and we had come to an agreement on what windows so the addition of more windows is positive.

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Greenblatt, Courchaine Abstain: Maycock

APPLICATION NO. 4162-13. Northeastern Chimney LLC seeks to install two (2) metal 10"x10" chimney caps at 21-23 Hartford Avenue.

Upon motion by Commissioner Garrey seconded by Commissioner Maycock and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that apart from a masonry cap, it's the most common.

Commissioner Ovian stated that it is very hard to see it from close up. If it is following the dimensions of the chimney itself, it's very typical of what we see in the District.

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Maycock, Greenblatt, Courchaine

MINUTES OF MAY 28, 2013

Upon motion by Commissioner Rell, seconded by Commissioner Garrey and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the minutes of the May 28, 2013 meeting.

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Courchaine, Ovian Abstain: Maycock, Greenblatt

MINUTES OF JUNE 11, 2013

Upon motion by Commissioner Garrey, seconded by Commissioner Courchaine and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the minutes of the June 11, 2013 meeting.

Aye: Garrey, Courchaine Abstain: Rell, Maycock, Greenblatt, Ovian

Upon motion by Commissioner Courchaine, seconded by Commissioner Maycock and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to TABLE the minutes of the June 11, 2013 meeting.

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Maycock, Greenblatt, Courchaine

OTHER BUSINESS

Public comments on general matters of the Historic District

None.

Report of the Historic District Coordinator

There was a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting regarding a variance for 245 Main Street, the Masonic Building held on June 24, 2013. The variance was approved. The property is still located in the Village Business District and it is still zoned as Village Business but it received a variance for residential use.

Correspondence

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner Rell, seconded by Commissioner Greenblatt and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:21 PM.

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Maycock, Greenblatt, Courchaine

Respectfully Submitted

TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

John Maycock
-Clerk -